



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

April 12, 2022

Dear Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I write to express my strong support for House Bill 1609, an act relative to the scope of the fetal protection act. This commonsense piece of legislation makes necessary improvements to a recently passed provision contained in the state budget.

Like most Granite Staters, I do not live in extremes on either side of the issue that is being considered today. I am pro-choice, and like most Granite Staters — and Americans — I support a limit on abortions performed in months 7, 8, and 9 of pregnancy.

House Bill 1609 is our opportunity to make those necessary changes, critical to ensuring New Hampshire's reforms remain consistent and comparable to the 43 states who have similar laws on the books.

Importantly:

- HB 1609 makes an exception for fetal anomalies incompatible with life
- HB 1609 clarifies the ultrasound requirement

These measures are not extreme by any stretch of the imagination. Rather, the proposed provisions are consistent with many other states around the nation. We must ensure that access to these medical services remain safe and accessible in the Granite State during what is a rare but extremely difficult and stressful time for a woman and her family.

Please join me in supporting HB 1609 as passed by the New Hampshire House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clitch T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor